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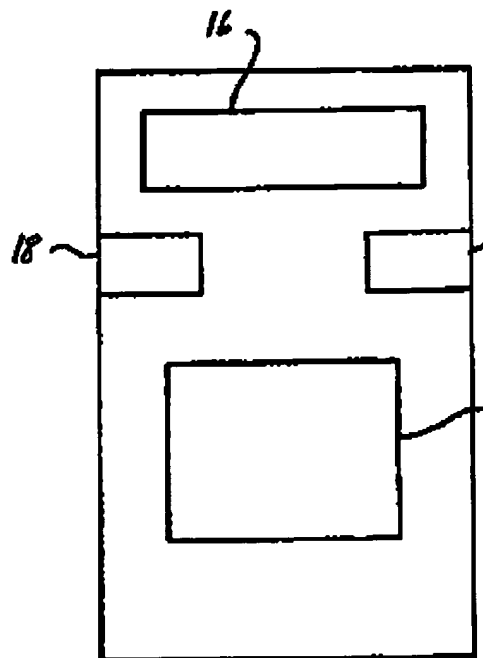
Component identifying system**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

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Abstract of GB2313940

A system (10) for identifying the existence of a predetermined component in a product, such as in an item of food, includes input means e.g. keyboard (14) for inputting the component, code identifying means (12) such as a barcode scanner for identifying a code associated with the product, processing means using a database for determining whether the product associated with the identified code contains the component and an indicator (16) such as a display for indicating to the user the result of the determination. The system is particularly useful for identifying food components to which the user is allergic or which the user needs to eat for a specified diet.

Fig. 1

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